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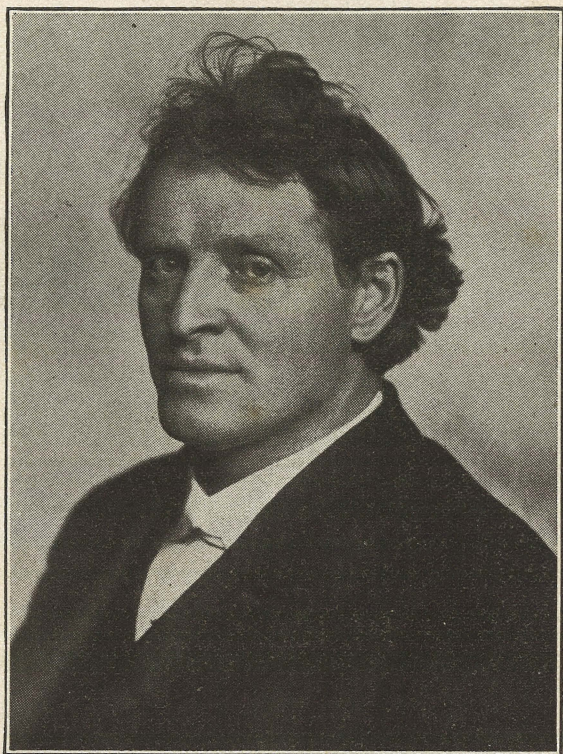
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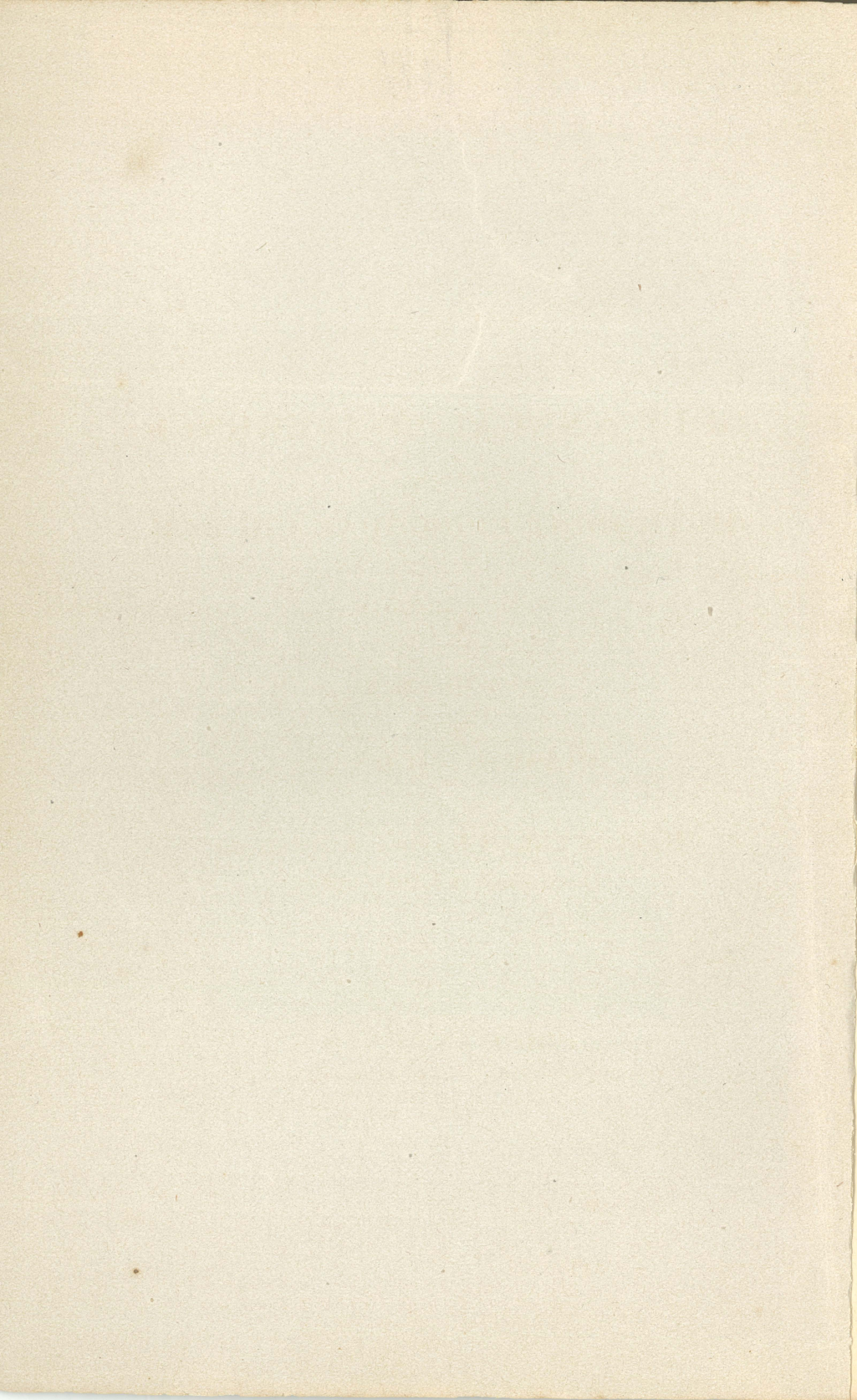
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First Day.

LAKE CHARLES, LA., Dec. 17, 1908.

The Gulf Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church met in annual session Thursday, December 17, 1908, at 8:30 a. m. in the First Methodist Episcopal Church, Bishop William A. Quayle presiding. The devotional service was led by the Bishop, after which the Conference Roll was called by the Secretary. Twenty-five members answered to their names.

MOTION—On motion of Hy. H. McCain, the Conference decided to call the roll of "our dead" at the beginning of each session of the Conference.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS—Rev. G. B. Hines nominated James R. Basket for Secretary and he was unanimously elected. The Secretary nominated W. E. Harrison as First Assistant and James F. Ragsdale as Second Assistant Secretary. The Conference confirmed the nominations.

J. W. Hervey, who was elected as Statistical Secretary at our last session, was confirmed and he named as his Assistant J. D. Pointer. The Conference confirmed the nomination.

Thomas E. Webb was nominated and elected as Treasurer and he named as his Assistant, John A. Carruth. The Confer-

ence confirmed the nomination.

N. L. Sayers was elected as R. R. Secretary and C. L. Elliot as Conference Post Master.

The following reporters for the papers were appointed by the Conference: Louis May for the Methodist Advocate-Journal; Mrs. D. A. Kelley, local press; F. D. VanValkenburg for New Orleans Times-Democrat; James R. Basket for the Central Christian Advocate.

INTRODUCTIONS—The following were introduced to the Conference: J. J. Manker, D. D. Editor of Advocate Journal; Ward Platt, Assistant Secretary of Home Mission and Church Extension Society; J. S. Sanders, Evangelist of M. E. Church, South; R. L. Pierce, one of our local preachers from the Marshall District; S. D. Slocum, pastor of the U. B. Church.

BAR OF CONFERENCE—The bar of the Conference was fixed as being the first four rows of pews.

QUESTION NUMBER ONE—*Who have been received by transfer and from what Conference?* was asked and answered; None.

QUESTION FOURTEEN was considered. Hy. H. McCain, District Superintendent, was called, character passed and he reported his district. W. C. Mann, District Superintendent, made the following nominations for standing committees and they were confirmed:

AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY—J. F. Ragsdale, C. A. King, N. L. Sayers, C. L. Elliott, G. L. Harper.

BOOK CONCERN AND PERIODICALS—F. D. VanValkenburg, Louis May, J. W. Faulk, A. McDow.

HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION—C. A. King, W. H. Germany, L. E. Crooks.

FOREIGN MISSIONS—T. E. Webb, E. R. Houck, J. D. Pointer.

EDUCATION—W. E. Harrison, W. H. Germany, J. J. Ellington.

FREEDMAN'S AID SOCIETY—Wm. R. Chase, G. L. Harper, Daniel Hayes.

EPWORTH LEAGUE—E. R. Houck, J. W. Lagrone, J. A. Carruth.

EPISCOPAL FUND—The District Superintendents.

CONFERENCE RELATIONS—J. W. Hervey, R. T. Pynes, Jas. R. Basket.

AUDITING ACCOUNTS—J. R. Basket, R. L. Weldon, T. F. Swanson.

PUBLIC WORSHIP—E. R. Houck and District Superintendents.

RESOLUTIONS—D. H. Cassels, F. D. VanValkenburg, J. D. Pointer, Wm. R. Chase.

MEMOIRS—J. W. Lively, J. F. Ragsdale, E. R. Houck, J. Woodson, W. E. Harrison.

SABBATH OBSERVANCES—R. L. Weldon, W. E. Harrison, W. F. Bolton, F. M. Simpson.

STATE OF CHURCH—J. A. Carruth, R. T. Pynes, T. E. Webb.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRACTS—D. H. Cassels, W. H. Germany, J. C. Duplantis.

TEMPERANCE—J. W. Lagrone, Wm. Bennet, R. L. Weldon, G. L. Harper.

PUBLISHING THE JOURNAL—The Secretaries.

Upon request of W. E. Harrison, he was released from duty on Educational committee.

On motion of Secretary a General Committee was authorized and said committee is to be composed of the District Superintendents.

MOTIONS—On motion the Secretary was authorized to edit the Journal and reports of committees.

By motion the edited and printed Journal of the Conference was made the Official Journal of the Conference.

By motion the Secretary was authorized to have the Journals of the Conference, which have not been bound previously, bound.

INTRODUCTIONS—Dr. J. J. Manker was introduced and

spoke to the Conference in the interest of the Advocate-Journal.

Recess for five minutes.

Upon resuming business the Conference sang a hymn.

INTRODUCTIONS—The following brethren were introduced to the Conference: H. H. Shell, Pastor of the Baptist Church; J. W. C. Johnson, Rector of Episcopal church; Evangelist Joseph H. Smith, of Philadelphia Conference; Dr. J. Y. Allison, Pastor of the Presbyterian Church.

ADDRESS—The Bishop addressed the Conference on "Reading." The Bishop announced that he had the draft from the Chartered Fund, \$22.00, and the Dividend from the Book Concern, \$247.00.

INTRODUCTIONS—Dr. J. C. Jennings of the Western Book Concern was introduced and addressed the Conference in the interest of the Book Concern.

HOURS OF BUSINESS—On motion of E. R. Houck the time for the business session was fixed from 8:30 a. m. to 11:45 a. m.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER—The Pastor, E. R. Houck, and Dr. J. J. Manker administered the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

The Conference adjourned.

Second Day.

Friday Morning, 8:30, December 18, 1908.

The Conference met at the appointed time, Bishop Quayle in the chair. The devotional service was led by the Bishop. The minutes of Thursday's session were read and after correction, were approved.

Louis May was appointed agent for the Methodist Review.

COMMUNICATION—A letter from C. F. Hunter was read by the Bishop and on motion of H. H. McCain he was recommended for Conference Evangelist.

The roll of absentees was called and one answered to his name, J. W. Lively.

MOTION—It was moved and carried that P. J. Robideaux,

who had gone to the Presbyterian Church, be asked for his Credentials. District Superintendent G. B. Hines was designated as the one to get the Credentials.

QUESTION FOURTEEN (continued)—The following elders were called, character passed and they made their reports: James A. Christian, Dist. Supt. H. H. McCain made his report; T. Wilson, J. Woodson, N. L. Sayers, J. F. Ragsdale, J. R. Basket, E. R. Houck, J. W. Hervey. G. B. Hines, District Superintendent was called, character passed and he reported his District.

J. A. Carruth was called, his character passed and he reported his work.

Recess.

The Conference being called to order, Bros. Basket and Germany sang a duet. This was followed by an address by the Bishop on "The Bible." Following the address the regular order of business was taken up. J. W. Lively was called, character was passed and he made his report. W. E. Harrison was called, and his character was passed. Wm. R. Chase was called, his character passed and on motion he was recommended for Conference Evangelist.

ADDRESS—Dr. Ward Platt addressed the Conference on the Home Mission and Church Extension work.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS—The Secretary was requested to call the chairman of each committee and let him appoint a time for meeting.

The Bishop announced that he had appointed W. E. Harrison and T. E. Webb to vacant places on the Board of Examiners.

TRIERS OF APPEALS—The following were nominated by the District Superintendents as Triers of Appeals and were elected by the Conference: C. A. King, J. W. Lively, H. H. McCain, G. B. Hines and W. C. Mann.

The names of those who had not handed in their reports to the Statistical Secretary and Treasurer were called and requested to do so at once.

The Conference adjourned.

Third Day.

SATURDAY MORNING, DEC. 19, 1908.

The Conference met at the appointed time with Bishop Quayle in the chair.

The minutes of Friday's session were read and after correction, were approved.

INTRODUCTION—Prof. L. A. Willsey of Ft. Worth University was introduced.

QUESTION NUMBER TWO was asked namely: *Who have been readmitted?* Judson W. Lagrone and Raleigh R. Smith were readmitted on Trial.

QUESTION THREE, *Who have been received on credentials and from what church?* William F. Bolton was received from the Congregational Methodist Church and was recommended for Deacons Orders under Missionary Rule.

QUESTION FOUR, *who have been received on trial?* was asked.

(a) In studies of the first year; F. M. Simpson, Robert O. McClure, J. C. Duplantis, Daniel Hayes, M. A. Farr, L. E. Crooks, S. W. Edwards, N. T. Shows and Charles W. Ports were received on Trial and placed in the studies of the First Year.

QUESTION FIVE, *who have been continued on trial?* was asked.

(a) In studies of the First Year; Alexander McDow and Guitano Vital were continued on trial in studies of the First Year.

(b) In studies of the Second Year; R. T. Pynes, C. L. Elliott, W. H. Germany, J. A. Webb, J. D. Pointer and J. W. Faulk were continued on trial and advanced to the studies of the Second Year. On motion G. L. Harper was continued on Trial and advanced to the studies of the Second Year, conditionally, that he bring up Harman's Introduction to Old Testament, Heart of Asbury's Journal, Extemporaneous Oratory,

Methodist Review and History of American Methodism. By motion T. F. Swanson was advanced to the studies of the Third Year conditionally, that he bring up Greene's Short History of The English People.

(c) In studies of the Fourth Year; Delos H. Cassels was continued on trial and advanced to the studies of the Fourth Year.

QUESTION SIX—*Who have been discontinued?* was asked. Answered, None.

QUESTION SEVEN—*Who have been admitted into full membership?* was asked.

By motion Robert L. Weldon was advanced to the studies of the Third Year and admitted into Full Membership.

TELEGRAM—The following telegram from the Missionary Secretaries was received and read to the Conference by the Bishop:

NEW YORK, N. Y., DEC. 19, 1908.

Receive Charles W. Ports probation. Elect Deacons Orders Missionary Rule, Transfer North Andes Conference. Recommended by Panama Quarterly Conference Mission. Entrance Examination satisfactory.

STUNTS AND LEONARD.

Reply: Ports received, elected Deacon Missionary Rule. Transferred North Andes Conference.

WILLIAM A. QUAYLE.

On motion he was admitted. The Bishop announced his transfer. The Conference sang the Doxology.

QUESTION TEN—*What members have completed the Conference course of study?* was asked. Louis May, J. A. Caruth and T. E. Webb were reported as having completed the Conference Course of Study. By motion they were elected to Elder's Orders.

QUESTION ELEVEN—*Who have been elected and Ordained Deacons?* was asked.

(a) As Local Preachers. None.

MOTION—On motion of G. B. Hines, F. M. Simpson, R. O. McClure, J. C. Duplantis, Daniel Hayes, M. A. Farr, L. E. Crooks, Chas. W. Ports, N. T. Shows, Wm. F. Bolton, were elected to Deacons Orders "Under the Missionary Rule."

QUESTION TWELVE—(a) (b) and (c) were answered. None.

QUESTION THIRTEEN—*Was the character of each preacher examined?* was asked. Answered. This was strictly done in open Conference as the name of each preacher was called.

INTRODUCTIONS—O. A. Thrower of the M. E. Church, South, was introduced and he was invited to sit within the Bar of the Conference.

RECESS.

After having answered the Disciplinary Question, R. L. Weldon was received into full connection.

INTRODUCTIONS—Rev. Otis Hawkins, pastor of the Christian Church, Mrs. Anna B. Elders, from Boaz, Ala., representing the Woman's Home Missionary Society were introduced.

ADDRESS—Prof. L. A. Willsly addressed the Conference in the interest of Ft. Worth University.

MOTION—On motion of H. H. McCain, the contribution for Local Educational purposes was ordered to be turned over to Ft. Worth University.

EXTENSION OF TIME—By motion the time was extended.

MOTIONS—On motion of G. B. Hines, an Afternoon Session was set for 4:15. On motion of C. A. King, Sunday Evening at the close of the services was set for the reading of the Appointments.

REPORTS—The Secretary made a report of Last Year's Journal Account. The Roll was called and subscriptions for the publishing of the Journal were taken.

QUESTION FOURTEEN—*Who have been transferred and to what Conference?* was asked. Answered. C. M. Brown, transferred to the Oklahoma Conference; B. W. Hugg, transferred

to the South Kansas Conference; Charles W. Ports, to North Andes Conference.

QUESTION FIFTEEN—*Who have died?* was asked. Answered. John T. James.

QUESTION SIXTEEN AND SEVENTEEN was asked and answered. None had located.

QUESTION EIGHTEEN—*Who have withdrawn?* was asked. Answered, P. J. Robideaux.

QUESTION NINETEEN AND TWENTY was asked. Answered, None have withdrawn under charges and complaints and none have been expelled.

QUESTION TWENTY-TWO—*Who are the supernumerary preachers?* was asked. Answered. C. A. King and N. H. Oliver.

Bro. B. F. Deaton was referred to the Committee of Conference Relations.

QUESTION TWENTY-THREE—*Who are the superannuated preachers?* was asked. Answered. Thomas Wilson, Julian Woodson, F. D. VanValkenburg.

QUESTION THIRTY—*Where shall the next Conference be held?* was considered. J. W. McDaniels nominated Port Arthur; J. R. Basket nominated Jennings and J. A. Carruth nominated Welsh.

On motion of G. B. Hines nominations were closed.

On first ballot Port Arthur was chosen. On motion of J. A. Carruth the vote was made unanimous.

QUESTION TWENTY-FOUR—*Who are the Triers of Appeals?* was asked. Answered. C. A. King, J. W. Lively, H. H. McCain, G. B. Hines and W. C. Mann.

The Bishop announced the Conference adjourned by expiration of time. Brother Julian Woodson pronounced the Benediction.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Session opened at 4:30 o'clock with Bishop Quayle in

the chair. Devotional service was led by the Bishop.

NOMINATIONS—The Bishop nominated the District Superintendents for the Committee on Aggressive Evangelism. The Conference confirmed the nominations.

BOARD OF HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION—C. A. King, E. R. Houck, F. R. Jaenke and W. E. Cline nominated and the Conference confirmed the nominations.

District Superintendent, Hy. H. McCain nominated the following officers and the Conference confirmed the nominations:

Conference Board of Foreign Missions: The District Superintendents; Missionary Secretaries; Marshall District, B. P. Wynn, Marshall Texas. New Orleans District, J. K. Mann, New Orleans, La., 1537 Calliope Street. Shreveport District, G. W. Bruce, Provencal, La.

District Epworth League Presidents: Marshall District, L. S. Abby, Port Arthur, Texas. New Orleans District, J. L. Farque, Lake Charles, La. Shreveport District, I. J. Rinehart, Dry Prong, La.

S. S. Superintendents and Laymen: C. V. Palmer, Port Arthur, Texas; Wm. McCready, as layman, Woodville, Texas; New Orleans District: E. C. Willard, S. S. Superintendent, Welsh, La.; John F. Cassels, layman, Gloster, Miss. Shreveport District: G. W. Christian, S. S. Superintendent, Colfax, La.; R. L. Gilbert, layman, Vivian, La.; E. C. Willard as President of the Board; Secretary,
..... Treas.

HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION—The Annual Conference Board selected the following additional members for the Home Mission and Church Extension: G. B. Hines, J. R. Basket, and G. M. King, Lake Charles, La. They announced the following officers for the ensuing year: C. A. King, Pres., E. R. Houck, Secretary, George M. King, Treas.

C. A. King made the report for the Conference Legal Board and made the following nominations for the ensuing year:

W. E. Cline, W. P. Dunn, C. E. Scott, G. B. Woolman Board of Managers; Officers, C. A. King, Pres.; Pastor of Lake Charles, Secretary.

District Superintendent McCain made the report for Committee on Episcopal Fund and General Conference Expenses. (See Report).

The following reports were read by the chairman of the Committee and adopted:

American Bible Society, J. F. Ragsdale; Book Concern and Periodicals, F. D. VanValkenburg; Home Mission and Church Extension, C. A. King; Foreign Missions, T. E. Webb; Education, W. H. Germany; Freedman's Aid Society, Wm. R. Chase; Epworth League, E. R. Houck; Conference Relations, J. W. Hervey; Sabbath Observance, R. L. Weldon; State of Church, J. A. Carruth; Tracts, D. H. Cassels.

MOTION—By a prevailing motion by G. B. Hines a committee of three were appointed to consider the case of B. F. Deaton. Names of Committee: C. A. King, J. W. Lively, E. R. Houck.

C. A. King nominated the Conference Board of Stewards and the Conference confirmed the nomination. (See report).

RESOLUTIONS—J. R. Basket read a resolution on Holiness and it was adopted. W. E. Harrison read a resolution on Tithing and it was adopted. J. R. Basket read a resolution on Our Publications and it was adopted.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF S. S.—The following brethren were nominated for Conference Board of S. S. and the Conference confirmed their nominations: J. W. Lagrone, Pres., Protem-pore; Delos H. Cassels for New Orleans District; C. L. Elliott for Shreveport District. Laymen, W. E. Coffin, G. W. Christian, W. G. Royal.

Report on Temperance was read by J. W. Lagrone and adopted.

Report of Treasurer was read. (See report.)

Report of Statistical Secretary was read. (See Statistical report.)

C. A. King reported the proceeds from Bishop Quayle's Lecture to be \$144.00.

CONFERENCE S. S. BOARD—The Conference S. S. Board reported the following officers for the ensuing year: President, J. W. Lagrone, Port Arthur, Texas; Delos H. Cassels, Vice-President, Gloster, Miss.; W. E. Coffin, Secretary, Jennings, Louisiana.

MOTIONS—It was moved and carried that the members be more careful about their reports.

On motion of E. R. Houck, the Conference voted that the Board of Bishops be requested to return Bishop Quayle for our Presiding Bishop next year.

On motion of G. B. Hines the report on Education was amended to include Ft. Worth University. J. W. Hervey further moved that a further amendment be added to include Chattanooga University.

A motion prevailed that the Conference adjourn sine die after the reading of the appointments.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE—The Committee in case of B. F. Deaton made the following report: "Your committee refers the matter to the District Superintendent and instructs him to request Brother Deaton to withdraw from the Conference and charges will not be preferred. In case he refuses to withdraw the District Superintendent is to proceed to prefer charges and bring him to trial."

The minutes were read and approved.

ADJOURNED SESSION.

Sunday Afternoon. The Bishop appointed President J. H. Race to the Chair. President Race announced that he had been sent to our Conference to say to us that the Board of Education thought we should have an institution of learning within the bounds of our Conference. By motion an Educational Commission was constituted for the purpose of co-operating with the General Conference Board of Education. The following

were appointed on that commission: District Superintendents, viz., E. R. Houck, G. B. Hines, W. C. Mann, J. F. Cassels, and W. E. Cline, laymen.

EVENING SESSION.

The Bishop called the Conference to order.

MOTION—On motion of G. B. Hines the Missionary Appropriations were read by Hy. H. McCain. See Missionary Appropriations.

On motion of G. B. Hines, J. L. Farque was elected as Conference Epworth League President.

Report of Committee on Resolutions was read by F. D. VanValkenburg. After some amendments the report was adopted by a rising vote.

QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE—On question of Privilege, R. L. Weldon presented retiring District Superintendent Hy. H. McCain with a handsome traveling bag. The Conference sang, "Blest Be The Ties That Bind."

INTRODUCTION—Dr. W. M. D. Garr, President of Hudsonion Institute was introduced. Dr. Garr, brought us words of greetings from the Protestant Methodist Church.

CONSECRATION SERVICE—The closing consecration service was led by Bro. Joseph H. Smith. This was followed by the reading of the Appointments.

The Conference adjourned sine die.

[Signed]

WILLIAM A. QUAYLE, Presiding Bishop.

JAMES R. BASKET, Secretary.

Disciplinary Questions.

QUESTION ONE—Is this Annual Conference incorporated according to the requirement of the Discipline? Answer. Yes.

QUESTION TWO—Who have been received by Transfer, and from what Conference? Answer. None.

QUESTION THREE—Who have been Re-admitted? Judson W. Lagrone, discontinued at his own request 1906; Raleigh R.

Smith, discontinued by request of Presiding Elder in 1907. Both of our own Conference.

QUESTION FOUR—Who have been received on Credentials? Answer. William F. Bolton, but his orders were not recognized; From Congregational Methodist.

QUESTION FIVE—Who have been Received on Trial? Answer:

(a) In studies of the first year. Francis M. Simpson, Robert O. McClure, Joseph C. Duplantis, Daniel Hays, Madison A. Farr, Lindsay E. Crooks, Sidney W. Edwards, Newsom T. Shows, Charles W. Ports, William F. Bolton.

QUESTION SIX—Who have been continued on Trial? Answer:

(a) In studies of First Year. Alexander McDow, Guitano Vital.

(b) In studies of Second Year. Russell T. Pynes, Cuthbert L. Elliot, Willis H. Germany, Joseph A. Webb, James D. Pointer, John W. Faulk, George L. Harper.

(c) In studies of Third Year. Thomas F. Swanson.

(d) In studies of Fourth Year. Delos H. Cassels.

QUESTION SEVEN—Who have been discontinued? Answer. None.

QUESTION EIGHT—Who have been Admitted into Full Membership? Answer:

(a) Elected and Ordained Deacons this year. None.

(b) Elected and Ordained Previously. Robert L. Weldon.

QUESTION NINE—What members are in studies of Third Year? Answer. Robert L. Weldon.

QUESTION TEN—What members are in studies of Fourth Year? Answer. Delos H. Cassels.

QUESTION ELEVEN—Who have completed the Conference Course of Study? Answer:

(a) Elected and Ordained Elders this Year. Louis May, John A. Carruth, Thomas E. Webb.

QUESTION TWELVE—What others have been elected and Ordained Deacons? Answer:

(a) As local Preachers. None.

(b) Under Missionary Rule. William F. Bolton, Francis M. Simpson, Robert O. McClure, Joseph C. Duplantis, Daniel Hayes, Madison A. Farr, Lindsay E. Crooks, Newsom T. Shows.

(c) Elected to Deacons Orders but not ordained. Charles W. Ports.

QUESTION THIRTEEN—What others have been elected and ordained Elers? Answer: None.

QUESTION FOURTEEN—Was the character of each Preacher examined? Answer: This was strictly done in open Conference as the name of each preacher was called.

QUESTION FIFTEEN—Who have been transferred and to what Conference? Answer. Charles M. Brown, to the Oklahoma Conference; Benn W. Hugg to South Kansas Conference and Charles W. Ports to North Andes Conference, South America.

QUESTION SIXTEEN—Who have died? Ans. John T. James.

QUESTION SEVENTEEN—Who have been located at their own request? Ans. None.

QUESTION EIGHTEEN—Who have been located? Ans. None.

QUESTION NINETEEN—Who have withdrawn? Ans. P. J. Robideaux,

QUESTION TWENTY—Who have been permitted to withdraw under Charges or Complaints? Ans. None.

QUESTION TWENTY-ONE—Who have been expelled? Ans. None.

QUESTION TWENTY-TWO—What other personal Notation should be made? Ans. None.

QUESTION TWENTY-THREE—Who are the Supernumerary Preachers? Answer: C. A. King, N. H. Oliver.

QUESTION TWENTY-FOUR—Who are the Superannuated Preachers? Answer: Thomas Wilson, Julian Woodson, F. D. VanValkenburg.

QUESTION TWENTY-FIVE—Who are the Triers of Appeals? Answer: C. A. King, J. W. Lively, H. H. McCain, G. B. Hines, W. C. Mann.

QUESTION TWENTY-SIX—What is the Statistical Report for this Year? Answer: See Statistical Report.

QUESTION TWENTY-SEVEN—What is the aggregate of Benevolent Collection ordered by the General Conference as reported by the Conference Treasurer? Answer: \$3182.

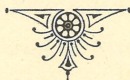
QUESTION TWENTY-EIGHT—What are the claims on the Conference Funds? Answer: \$700.

QUESTION TWENTY-NINE—What has been received on this Claim and how has it been applied? Answer: \$500. 5 per cent of it was sent to J. B. Hingely. See report of Treasurer of Board of Stewards.

QUESTION THIRTY—What is the amount of the 5 per cent of collection for the Conference Claimants' Connectional Fund paid by the Treasurer to the Board of Conference Claimants? Answer: \$9.

QUESTION THIRTY-ONE—Where are the Preachers Stationed? Answer: See Appointments.

QUESTION THIRTY-TWO—Where shall the next Conference be held? Answer: Port Arthur, Texas.



Appointments of Gulf Conference for 1909.

MARSHALL DISTRICT

E. R. HOUCK, DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT,
P. O., LAKE CHARLES, LOUISIANA.

Angeline.....	To be Supplied
Beckville	F. M. Simpson
Frank and Jefferson	R. T. Pynes
Hughes Spring	T. E. Webb
La Porte	T. F. Swanson
Longstreet.....	Supplied by J. O. Wells
Marshall.....	R. L. Weldon
Neuville and Center	To be Supplied
Noonday and Overton	G. L. Harper
Polk	Supplied by J. T. Lagrone
Shelbyville	R. R. Smith
Terrell and Greenville.....	To be Supplied
Texas City.....	W. H. Germany
Woodyville	J. A. Webb
Winnsboro	To be Supplied

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT

G. B. HINES, DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT,
P. O., LAKE CHARLES, LOUISIANA.

Auburn and Smithdale..	Delos H. Cassells, Brett Kenna, Ass't.
Bayou Chene.....	N. L. Sayers
Crescent.....	Newsom T. Shows
Crowley.....	Louis May
Ebenezer and Vermilion	J. F. Ragsdale
Estherwood	Supplied by C. A. King

Evangeline	Supplied by J. J. Bowman
Gloster	To be Supplied
Gloster Circuit	Supplied by T. V. Wilkinson
Hammond	J. D. Pointer
✓ Iowa and Fenton	R. O. McClure
Bell City	William Hebert
Jennings	J. R. Basket
Oakdale and Kinder	Supplied by J. J. Ellington
Kinder Mission	William Bennett
Lake Charles	Hy. H. McCain
Lutcher	J. C. Duplantis
New Orleans, St. Charles Ave.	J. W. Hervey
New Orleans, Italian Mission	Guitano Vital
Raymond	Daniel Hayes, Ass't by W. R. Shrock
Welsh	J. A. Carruth

SHREVEPORT DISTRICT

W. C. MANN, DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT,

P. O. 1519 DAVIDSON ST., SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA.

✓ Alexandria	H. A. Wood
Creston	Supplied by A. Lee Harper
DeRidder	Supplied by Frank McGee
Dry Prong	L. E. Crooks
Livonia	J. W. Faulk
Magda	To be Supplied
Orange	W. F. Bolton
Provencal	M. A. Farr
Ravanna	Alex. McDow
Vivian	C. L. Elliott
Winfield	J. W. Lively



Special Appointments.

W. E. Harrison, Professor in Meridian Male College, Member of Gloster Quarterly Conference; William R. Chase, Conference Evangelist, Member of St. Charles Ave. Quarterly Conference; C. F. Hunter, Conference Evangelist; J. W. Lively Agent for Preacher's Fund and Gulf Conference Seminary; J. A. Christian, left without an appointment to attend school. Sidney W. Edwards, Missionary in Porto Rico

Conference Boards.

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Standing Committees for 1909.

American Bible Society

F. D. Van Valkenburg, Louis May, J. W. Faulk, A. McDow.

Home Mission and Church Extension

C. A. King, W. H. Germany, L. E. Crooks.

Foreign Missions

T. E. Webb, E. R. Houck, J. D. Pointer.

Education

W. R. Chase, W. H. Germany.

Freedman's Aid

Wm. R. Chase, G. L. Harper, Dan Hays.

Epworth League

E. R. Houck, J. W. Lagrone, J. A. Webb, J. A. Carruth.

Episcopal Fund

District Supt., H. H. McCain, G. B. Hines, W. C. Mann.

Conference Relation

J. W. Hervey, R. T. Pynes, J. R. Basket.

Auditing Accounts

J. R. Basket, R. L. Weldon, T. F. Swanson.

Public Worship

The Pastor and District Superintendent.

Resolutions

D. H. Cassels, F. D. VanValkenburg, J. T. Campbell, J. D. Pointer.

Memoirs

Wm. R. Chase, J. W. Lively, J. F. Ragsdale, E. R. Houck,
J. Woodson, W. E. Harrison.

Sabbath Observances

R. L. Weldon, W. E. Harrison, W. F. Bolton, F. M. Simpson.

State of Church

J. A. Carruth, C. F. Hunter, R. T. Pynes, T. E. Webb.

Sunday School and Tracts

D. H. Cassels, W. H. Germeny, J. W. Duplantis.



Chronological Roll



NOTE:--*The figures on left indicate the year of admisson into Travelling Connection. The exponent figures denotes the number of years the pastor has served the charge.*

Year	Names	Nativity	Address
✓ 1902 -	Basket, James R.....5	Tennessee.....	.....Jennings, La.
1904 -	Carruth, J. A.....3	Mississippi.....	.....Welsh, La.
1888 -	Chase, Wm. R.....	Ohio.....	1415, Fair Ave., Columbus, Ohio.
1900 -	Christian, J. A.....	Louisiana.....	.....Ft. Worth, Texas.
	Crawford, R. L.....	Louisiana.....	
1879 -	Deaton, B. F.....	Tennessee.....	.....Lake Charles, La.
✓ 1902 -	Harrison, W. E.....	Louisiana.....	.....Meridian, Miss.
1903 -	Hervey, J. W.....2	Texas.....	1537, Calliope St., N. O. La.
✓ 1900 -	Hines, G. B.....3	Texas.....	.....Lake Charles, La.
✓ 1897 -	Houck, E. R.....1	Illinois.....	.....Lake Charles, La.
	Hunter, C. F.....	Tennessee.....	.....Athens, Tennessee.
✓ 1859 -	King, C. A.....	Maine.....	.....Lake Charles, La.
✓ 1898 -	Lively, J. W.....1	Arkansas.....	.....Marshall, Texas.
✓ 1902 -	Mann, W. C.....2	Texas.....	.....Hughes Springs, Tex.
1903 -	May, Louis.....2	Louisiana.....	.....Crowley, La.
✓ 1900 -	McCain, Hy. H.....1	Louisiana.....	.....Lake Charles, La.
1891 -	Oliver, N. H.....	Pennsylvania.....	.....Longleaf, La.
✓ 1903 -	Ragsdale, J. F.....2	Texas.....	.....Ebenezer, La.
✓ 1898 -	Sayers, N. L.....6	Pennsylvania.....	.....Plaquemine, La.
1870 -	VanValkenburg, F. D.	New York.....	.....New Orleans, La.
✓ 1905 -	Weldon, R. L.....	Louisiana.....	.....Marshall, Texas.
1871 -	Wilson, Thomas.....	Ireland... ..	.....Sabine Pass, Texas.
1884 -	Woodson, Julian.....	Tennessee.....	.....Jefferson, Texas.
1904 -	Webb, T. E.....	Tennessee.....	.....Hughes Springs, Tex.

Probationers

FOURTH YEAR

✓ 1907	-	Cassels, Delos, H.....2	Mississippi.....Gloster, Miss.
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THIRD YEAR

1905	-	Swanson, T. F.....1	Louisiana.....La Porte, Texas.
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SECOND YEAR

1907	-	Elliot, C. L.....2	IrelandVivian, La.
1907	-	Faulk, J. W.....2	Louisiana.....Rosedale, La.
1907	-	Germany, W. H.....2	Mississippi.....	.....Texas City, Texas.
1907	-	Harper, G. L.....1	Mississippi.....	.....Harleton, Texas.
1907	-	Pynes, R. T.....1	Alabama.....	.....Jefferson, Texas.
1907	-	Webb, J. A.....1	Tennessee.....	.....Woodville, Texas.
1907	-	Pointer, J. D.....1	Alabama.....	.....Hammond, La.

FIRST YEAR

1908	-	Bolton, W. F.....	Louisiana.....	.....Orange, La.
1908	-	Crooks, L. E.....		.....Dry Prong, La.
1908	-	Duplantis, J. C.....	Louisiana.....	.....Lutcher, La.
1908	-	Edwards, S. W.....	Mississippi.....	San Juan, Porto Rico.
1908	-	Farr, M. A.....1	Arkansas.....	.....Provincial, La.
1908	-	Hayes, Daniel.....3	Louisiana.....	.....Elton, La.
✓ 1908	-	McClure, R. O.....1	Kentucky.....	.....Bell City, La.
1908	-	Shows, N. T.....1	Louisiana.....	.....Crescent, La.
1908	-	Simpson, F. M.....1	Mississippi.....	.....Beckville, Texas.
✓ 1907	-	McDow, Alexander...2	Louisiana.....	.....Vivian, La.
1907	-	Vital, Guitano.....	Italy.....	.....New Orleans, La.

Conference Chronology

GULF MISSION

YEAR	TIME	PLACE	BISHOP	SECRETARY
1893....	Jan. 19.....	Jennings, La.....	E. G. Andrews.....	C. K. Woodson
1894....	Jan. 25.....	Lake Charles, La.....	Jas. N. FitzGerald.....	C. K. Woodson
1895....	Jan. 24.....	Crowley, La.....	J. M. Walden.....	C. K. Woodson
1896....	Jan. 23.....	Jennings, La.....	Thos. Bowman.....	C. K. Woodson

GULF MISSION CONFERENCE

1897....	Jan. 21.....	Jennings, La.....	J. M. Walden.....	C. K. Woodson
1898....	Feb. 3.....	Crowley, La.....	W. X. Ninde.....	C. K. Woodson
1899....	Feb. 2.....	Lake Charles, La.....	S. M. Merrill.....	C. K. Woodson
1900....	Feb. 1.....	Marshall, Texas.....	I. W. Joyce.....	L. W. Elkins
1901....	Jan. 17.....	Jennings, La.....	H. W. Harrison.....	C. W. Campbell
1902....	Jan. 30.....	Lake Charles, La.....	C. D. Foss.....	C. W. Campbell
1903....	Feb. 5.....	Port Arthur, Texas.....	W. F. Mallalieu.....	C. C. Morris

GULF ANNUAL CONFERENCE

1904....	Feb. 4.....	Hughes Springs, Tex.	W. F. Mallalieu.....	John Paul
1905....	Feb. 2.....	Gloster, Miss.....	H. Spellmeyer.....	F. F. Fitch
1905....	Dec. 1.....	Welsh, La.....	L. B. Wilson.....	W. B. Harrison
1906....	Nov. 15.....	Marshall, Texas.....	L. B. Wilson.....	J. R. Basket
1907....	Dec. 19.....	Jennings, La.....	William Burt.....	J. R. Basket
1908....	Dec. 17.....	Lake Charles, La.....	Wm. A. Quayle.....	J. R. Basket

BISHOPS OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

NAME	BORN	ENTERED MINISTRY		Consecrated Bishop	RESIDENCE
		CONFERENCE	Yr.		
Thomas Bowman.....	July 15 1817	Baltimore.....	1839	1872	East Orange, N. J.
Henry W. Warren.....	Jan. 4 1831	New England.....	1855	1880	University Park, Colo.
Cyrus D. Foss.....	Jan. 17 1834	New York.....	1857	1880	Philadelphia, Pa.
John M. Walden.....	Feb. 11 1831	Cincinnati.....	1858	1884	Cincinnati, O.
Willard F. Mallalieu.....	Dec. 11 1828	New England.....	1858	1884	Auburndale, Mass.
John H. Vincent.....	Feb. 23 1832	New Jersey.....	1852	1888	Indianapolis, Ind.
Daniel A. Goodsell.....	Nov. 5 1840	N. Y. East.....	1859	1888	New York, N. Y.
James M. Thoburn.....	Mar. 7 1836	Pittsburg.....	1858	1888	New York, N. Y.
Earl Cranston.....	June 27 1840	Ohio.....	1860	1900	Washington, D. C.
Joseph C. Hartsell.....	June 1 1842	Illinois.....	1867	1896	Funchal, Madeira I
David H. Moore.....	Sept. 4 1837	Ohio.....	1867	1896	Cincinnati, O.
Frank M. Warne.....	Dec. 31 1854	Ontario.....	1874	1900	Lucknow, India.
John W. Hamilton.....	Mar. 18 1845	Pittsburg.....	1856	1900	Boston, Mass.
Joseph F. Berry.....	May 13 1850	Detroit.....	1874	1904	Buffalo, N. Y.
Henry Spellmeyer.....	Nov. 25 1848	Newark.....	1870	1904	St. Louis, Mo.
William McDowell.....	Feb. 4 1850	North Ohio.....	1882	1904	Chicago, Ill.
James W. Bashford.....	May 25 1849	New England.....	1883	1904	Shanghai, China
William Burt.....	Oct. 22 1852	N. Y. East.....	1881	1904	Zurich, Switzerland
Luther B. Wilson.....	1856	Baltimore.....	1878	1904	Philadelphia, Pa.
Thomas B. Neely.....	1841	Philadelphia.....	1865	1904	New Orleans, La.
Isaiah B. Scott.....	Sept. 30 1854	Tennessee.....	1880	1904	Monrovia, Liberia
William F. Oldham.....	Dec. 15 1850	Michigan.....	1883	1904	Singapore, Str's St.
John E. Robinson.....	1849	South India.....	1874	1904	Bombay, India.
Merriam C. Harris.....	July 9 1846	Japan.....	1873	1904	Seoul, Corea.
William F. Anderson.....	April, 26 1860	New York.....	1887	1908	Chattanooga, Tenn.
John L. Nuelson.....	Jan. 19 1867	West Germany.....	1888	1908	Omaha, Nebraska.
Wilson S. Lewis.....	July 17 1857	Upper Iowa.....	1884	1908	Foochow, China.
Edwin H. Hughes.....	Dec 7 1866	Iowa.....	1886	1908	San Francisco, Calif.
Robert McIntyre.....	Nov. 20 1851	Illinois.....	1878	1908	St Paul, Minn.
William A. Quayle.....	June 26 1861	Kansas.....	1886	1908	Oklahoma City, Okla.
Charles W. Smith.....	1840	Pittsburg.....	1859	1908	Portland, Ore.
Frank M. Bristol.....	Jan. 4 1851			1908	Buenos Ayres, S. A.

Local Preachers.

MARSHALL DISTRICT

NAMES	POST OFFICE
Archer, J. G.....	Avinger, Tex.
Black, J. M.	Hallville, Tex.
Bates, Robert H.....	Peniel, Tex.
Calloway, B. C.	Hughes Springs, Tex.
Campbell, J. T. . . .	Hortense, Tex.
Denning, J. F.	Troupe, Tex.
Ellington, J. J.	Shelbyville, Tex.
Faulkner, H. L.....	Plainview, Tex.
Goodwyn, Robert	Halbert, Tex.
Hughes, H. R. (L. D.).	Hughes Springs, Tex.
Kelley, O. B.....	Portallis, N. M.
Langley, Davis L.	Beckville, Tex.
LaGrone, Chas. H.	Deadwood, Tex.
Mathews, Sam H.	Neuville, Tex.
McBride, J. B. (L. D.)	Peniel, Tex.
McDaniel, W.....	Port Arthur, Tex.
McGregor, Robt. B.	Ruskin Cave, Tenn.
McKee, Marvin Paul.....	Marshall, Tex.
Petty, Sam F.....	Harleton, Tex.
Pierce, P. L.....	Peniel, Tex.
Richie, E. T.....	Como, Tex., R. F. D. No. 3
Roberts, C. E.	Pilot Point, Tex.
Roberts, J. F.	Pilot Point, Tex.
Simpson, F. M.	Beckville, Tex.
Strother, W. W.	Des Arc. Mo.
Woodall, W. B.....	Longview, Tex., R. F. D. No. 9

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT

Beasley...	McComb City, Miss.
Carruth, S. E.....	Auburn, Miss.

NAMES	POST OFFICES
Carruth, H. L.	New Orleans, La., 1537 Calliope St.
Copeland, S. E.	Meridian, Miss.
Clark, V. C.	Ruskin Cave, Tenn.
DeLord, Oscar	Plaquemine, La.
Ellis, James	Jennings, La.
Gillman, John	Jennings, La.
Faulk, Henry	Ebenezer, La.
Faulk, Haughton	Meridian, Miss.
Kenna, Bret	Auburn, Miss.
Kenna, Hunter	Auburn, Miss.
Kenna, J. M.	Auburn, Miss.
Mann, J. K.	New Orleans, La., South Liberty St.
McGee, Flowers	Auburn, Miss.
Nutt, J. M.	Jennings, La.
Orcutt, J. C.	New Orleans, La.
Palmisano, A.	New Orleans, La.
Taylor, R. S.	Gloster, Miss.
Roberts, Wm.	Johnston Station, Miss.
Wilkinson, C. V.	Gloster, Miss.
Wood, H. A.	Hudson, La.
Gordon, Wm. A.	Smithdale, Miss.

SHREVEPORT DISTRICT

Bruce, G. W.	Proyencal, La.
Farr, M. A.	Vivian, La.
Havens, J. H.	DeRidder, La.
Harper, A. Lee	Ft. Jessup, La.
Kane, J. F.	Rayanna, Ark.
Martine, J. A.	Rosedale, La.
Richardson, W. B.	Colfax, La.
Smith, T. H.	DeRidder, La.
Walker, J. H.	La.
Young, T. J.	DeRidder, La.
Youngblood, J. A.	Creston, La.

Sunday School Superintendents.

MARSHAL DISTRICT

NAMES	POST OFFICES
Burchfield, Mrs. L. A.	Texas, City, Tex.
Burnham, W. T.	Lufkin, Tex.
Collins, R. B.	Hughes Springs, Tex.
Crump, W. S.	Hughes, Springs, Tex.
Dickard, F. E.	Hallville, Tex.
Ellington, W. D.	Shelbyville, Tex.
Field, W. C.	Campiti, Tex.
Findley, A. T.	Daingerfield, Tex.
Ford, J. D.	Lufkin, Tex.
Free, Mrs. Maggie	Beckville, Tex.
Hudspeth, B. A.	Dianna, Tex.
Hughes, Mrs. A. B.	Atlanta, Tex.
Hovey, L. G.	LaPorte, Tex.
Hooton, W. M.	Hughes Springs, Tex.
Hussey, J. G.	Daingerfield, Tex.
Jones, W. M.	Ashland, Tex.
LaGrone, Thos. H.	Dead wood, Tex.
Longshore, W. T.	Beckville, Tex.
Lout, R. B.	Halbert, Tex.
McKee, Marvin P.	Marshall, Tex.
Oney, Wm.	Harleton, Tex.
Palmer, C. V.	Port Arthur, Tex.
Royal, W. G.	Marshall, Tex.
Richie, J. A.	Coffeyville, Tex.
Rice, C. N.	Leggett, Tex.

NAMES	POST OFFICES
Shine, Dr. U. H.....	Hortense, Tex.
Still, R. G.	Overton, Tex.
Woodson, Rev. J.....	Jefferson, Tex.

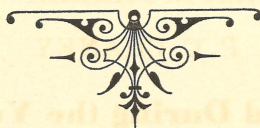
NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT

Atkinson, Bert.....	Lutcher, La.
Buck, H. E.....	Lake Charles, La.
Carruth, Henry	New Orleans, La., 1537 Calliope St.
Cassels, J. F.	Gloster, Miss.
Cronk, A. G.	Gueydan, La.
Delord, Oscar	Plaquemine, La.
Dulron, Augustine	Crowley, La.
Each, William	Iowa, La.
Faulk, Henry	Ebenezer, La.
Gerald, E. W.	Smithdale, Miss.
Graham, A. A.	Hammond, La.
Jaenke, F. R.	Jennings, La.
Kenna, J. M.	Auburn, Miss.
May, Louis	Crowley, La.
Ritter, Jake	Jennings, La.
Theroit, Miss Sadie.....	Bayou Chene, La.
Williams, R. S.	Johnston Station, Miss.
Willard, E. C.	Welsh, La.

SHREVEPORT DISTRICT

NAMES	POST OFFICES
Barr, R. L.	Vivian, La.
Bannett, J. R.	Boylen, La.
Christian, G. W.	Colfax, La.
Fitzgerald, J. A.	Harltzo, Tex.

Knight, S. H.	Neeme, La.
Lowrey, R. C.	Goldonna, La.
Lindly, Mrs. F. B.	Oil City, La.
Martin, I. G.	DeRidder, La.
Mase, Miss Mary	Rosedale, La.
Rosetter, W. J.	Wasey, La.
Smith, J. W.	DeQuincey, La.
Sandel, J. M.	Christie, La.
Williams, John	Creston, La.
Webb, Mrs. Geo. W.	Goldonna, La.



OUR DEAD.

"These all died in the Faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth."

WALTER ZIMMERMAN

IRA N. PARDEE

P. C. CHANEY

Died During the Year

JOHN T. JAMES.

Conference Program.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15.

7:30 p. m.—Song Service.

8:30 p. m.—Sermon, Joseph H. Smith, Meridian, Miss.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16.

8:30 a. m.—4:00 p. m.—Examinations.

3:30 p. m.—Pentecostal Services, J. H. Smith

7:30 p. m.—Reception Five minute addresses of Welcome.

Behalf of City, Mayor C. H. Winterhalter

Behalf of Sister Churches, Dr. J. Y. Allison

Behalf of The Legal Bar, Judge Winston Overton

Behalf of the Physicians, Dr. T. H. Watkins

Behalf of Laymen, W. E. Cline

Response, Bishop William A. Quayle, D. D.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17.

8:30 a. m.—Devotions, Bishop Quayle. Followed by organizations and business session.

10:00 a. m.—Address, Bishop Quayle.

11:00 a. m.—Sacramental Services.

3:00 p. m.—Pentecostal Services, J. H. Smith.

8:00 p. m.—Lecture, "Jean Valjean," Bishop Quayle.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18.

8:30 a. m.—Devotions, Bishop Quayle.

9:00 a. m.—Business Session.

9:30 a. m.—Session of Laymen's Association in First M. E. Church, South.

10:00 a. m.—Address, Bishop Quayle.

3:00 p. m.—Pentecostal Services, J. H. Smith.

7:30 p. m.—Anniversary of Home Mission and Church Extension, Dr. Ward Platt

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19.

- 8:30 a. m—Devotions, Bishop Quayle.
9:00 a. m—Business Session.
10:00 a. m—Address, Bishop Quayle.
2:00 p. m—Address to Laymen's Association at First M. E.
Church, South, Bishop William Quayle.
3:00 p. m—Pentecostal Services, J. H. Smith.
7:30 p. m—Education and W. H. M. Society, President J. H.
Race, Mrs. Anna B. Elders.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20.

- 9:30 a. m—Love Feast, led by J. H. Smith.
10:30 a. m—Ordination of Deacons.
11:00 a. m—Sermon, Bishop Quayle.
2:30 p. m—Memorial Services.
3:00 p. m—Ordination of Elders.
3:30 p. m—Pentecostal Services, J. H. Smith.
7:30 p. m—Epworth League Anniversary Addresses by Bishop
Quayle, Prof. L. A. Willsley, President J. H. Race
Consecration Service, led by J. H. Smith.
Reading the Appointments, Bishop Quayle.

Certificate of Ordination

This certifies that on December 20, 1908, at Lake Charles, La., the following brothers were ordained Deacons in the Church of God at my hands: Wm. F. Bolton, Francis M. Simpson, Robert O. McClure, Joseph C. Duplantis, Daniel Hays, Madison A. Farr, Lindsay E. Crooks and Newsum T. Shows.

And the following brethren were ordained Elders in the Church of God at my hands: Louis May, John A. Carruth, Thomas E. Webb.

(Signed)

WILLIAM A. QUAYLE, Bishop.

Plan of Examination

	Examiner	Admission	First Year	Second Yr	Third Year	Fourth Year
1	Basket, J. R. . .	Plain Account.	Sermon		Neelys Gov	Fisher, "F" . . .
2	Christian, J. A.	Discipline.		Essay	Terry	
3	Harrison, W. E.	Fitchett	Montgomery . .		Fisher I, II.	Essay
4	Hervey, J. W.	El. English. . .		Price		Fisher III
5	Hines, G. B. . .	Banks	Sheldon	Sheldon . . .	Sermon . . .	
6	Houck, E. R. . .	Hill & Swinton			Ladd	Seth
7	McCain, H. H.	Blaikie	Kirkpatrick . . .	Jevon		
8	Mann, W. C. . .	Sermon		Greene		Butler
9	Webb, T. E . . .		Kern		Hurst I. . .	Hurst II.

Rules of Examination.

I. List of Questions shall be prepared by each Examiner, endorsed with the title of the text book, name and address of the Examiner and sent to the Registrar for filing.

II. Each Examiner shall retain one copy of his own Questions.

III Each Examiner shall send all grades promptly to Registrar.

IV. If student wants his grade he shall enclose with his paper a self addressed and stamped envelope.

V. The attention of all students is called to paragraph 63 Sections 1 and 3, Page 49 Discipline 1908.

VI. Each student is required to give a written statement

to the Registrar that he has read the books required in the course of study.

VII. All essays and sermons must be in the hands of the Examiners thirty days before Conference.

VIII. There shall be no "Special Examinations" except in cases of emergency and then only by a member of the Board delegated by the Chairman.

IX. There shall be two mid-year examinations during the year. One in the Spring and one at the time and place of the respective District Ministerial Associations, at which time students shall be required to bring up a portion of the course of study. The other one in the Fall, in a location convenient to the students. These Examinations shall be under the personal supervision of some member of the Board delegated by the Chairman.

J. W. HERVEY, Registrar,
1537 Caliope St.
New Orleans, La.

W. C. MANN, Chairman,
1519 Division St.
Shreveport, La.



This certifies, That the Journal proceedings, Reports, Resolutions printed herein were made the Official Record of the Sixth Session of the Gulf Annual Conference, held at Lake Charles, La., Dec. 17-20, 1908.

(Signed) JAMES R. BASKET, Secretary.

Reports.

FREEDMEN'S AID SOCIETY.

The work of the Freedmen's Aid Society is the establishment and maintenance of institutions for Christian education among the colored people of the Southern States and elsewhere.

We believe in such work. Christian education can but help any people. Living as we do in territory where the Freedman lives and, conscious from contact, of his need of help, and believing that it is for the benefit of all, irrespective of color, that he be given every opportunity to take such an education which he has proved he can do, we record ourselves as committed to the work of this society.

We recommend that our preachers thoroughly inform themselves as to the work of this Society and then to impart this information to their people.

As an investment merely of dollars and dimes, the wisdom of our Church in making such an investment, is proved by the fact that for every dollar put into work among the colored people for their uplift, they have returned to the Church nine dollars worth of good property. This is the smallest item of gain but it is gain.

WM. R. CHASE, Chairman.

AUDITING COMMITTEE.

Your committee makes the following report: The account of the Secretary balances in favor of the Conference to the amount of \$5.53. G. B. Hines, District Superintendent, account balance. H. H. McCain, District Superintendent, ac-

count balance. W. C. Mann, District Superintendent, shows that he has paid out \$30.00 more than required.

JAMES R. BASKET, Chairman.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRACTS.

The Sunday School is a great feeder of the Church and too much time and work cannot be given to its interests, and pursuant to the call of the General Conference, recommending that there be established in every Conference a Conference Board of Sunday Schools, it is recommended by this Committee that such a Board be formulated for the Gulf Conference.

Second, That our Sunday Schools observe a Sunday School day as directed in the Discipline, Par. 349, Sec. 6.

Third, We recommend that all of our preachers secure a good supply of our tracts and distribute them among the people.

DELOS H. CASSELS, Chairman.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Methodist Episcopal Church has ever been a Missionary Church. She has enjoyed a vigorous missionary spirit from the beginning and has wrought great achievements. The Gulf Conference has done well in raising missionary money, but let us not "Be weary in well doing." The new fields opening and the new opportunities presenting themselves to us, should inspire us to a greater endeavor in presenting the cause of Missions. We, therefore recommend that each pastor make a special effort to raise the \$1.00 per member amount. Truly, "The fields are white already to harvest and the laborers are few."

T. E. WEBB, Chairman.

HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION.

The Methodist Episcopal Church with her millions of people under the "Stars and Stripes," must of necessity be an important factor in the development and salvation of this great country. Tremendous responsibilities rest upon us as a Church. Our wealth, culture and connection power impose

these responsibilities. The channel through which we work as a church, to these ends, is the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension.

This Board aids in maintaining, in the home field, four thousand pastors and in the building of more than one church for every day in the year. God has placed in the bounds of our church the means and money to do this great work. We believe they can be employed to pour into the treasury of this Board all that is needed to accomplish this work. Knowledge of the conditions and wants will be the inspiration to bring about the results. Let us then place before the Church the information. How? First: Put in every home The Christian Republic, the leaflets and the books. Second: Give our people the facts, fill them with the great truths that inspire to great deeds, great progress, great sacrifices, and the tide will flow.

C. A. KING, Chairman.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

Inasmuch, as the desecration of the Sabbath is one of the most prevalent sins of our times and land, and that so many people of nearly all classes engage in it, we therefore recommend that our pastors put forth a special effort to suppress it by way of distributing tracts on Sabbath observance and that they preach on the subject at least once a year. That they warn the people of the eminent danger of violating the commandment of God: "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy."

R. L. WELDON, Chairman.

EPWORTH LEAGUE.

We note with gratitude the splendid growth of the Epworth League. During the last Quadrennial, after many years of organization and extension throughout the church, there was a net increase of more than 2000 Senior Chapters with corresponding increase in membership, besides a rapid increase of Junior Chapters. At the same time, there was a renewing of the spiritual life and a rapid increase of the financial contribu-

tion of the League to the work of the Church. We commend the new financial system of self-support, voluntarily attained by the League during the Quadrennial and established by the legislation of the last General Conference. We urge our pastors to see that their Leagues meet this important obligation and bring this collection in full to the Conference. We welcome and endorse the Epworth League Institute movement. We heartily approve the movement in membership back to the younger people. We call upon our members everywhere to cooperate with the pastors in training the young people for leadership, that the League may effectively accomplish its purpose of attracting, saving and training our young people for Jesus Christ. We approve and recommend the educational work of the Epworth League in providing a systematic and practicable course of study and urge the adoption of the official course that our young people may become intelligent and skillful workmen for Jesus Christ. We herein express our appreciation and approval of the Board of Bishops in electing Bishop Quayle as President of the Epworth League. We recommend the immediate organization of District Epworth Leagues and a plan for Annual District Epworth League Conventions in every District. We already recognize in the younger ministry and laity those who show invaluable results of League training, and whose usefulness afford the highest commendation of the League movement. The League, therefore, demands the best fostering care of the Church and ministry as the key to the future of the Church.

E. R. HOUCK, Chairman.

BOOK CONCERN AND PUBLICATIONS.

More and more books are becoming a necessity as well as a luxury. There is no excuse for any one being deprived of the benefits that may be brought to our lives and homes, the treasured thought of the past by means of good books. The Church or people that fails to read, study, mark and digest the

mental food so lavishly spread before them, will soon cease to exist or be any force in the world.

Your committee notes with pleasure the prosperous condition of our Book Concern as shown by their reports for the fiscal year ending October 31, 1908. The sales for the year have been more than 50 per cent the capital invested. Among the books published by our house are some of rare merit, as well as some that are especially attractive. Our Advocate Family seems to be growing in grace as well as beauty. The church member who undertakes to keep house without a regular visit by one of our Advocates is making a serious blunder. When we take into further consideration the fact that 4 per cent on all invested in our Book Concern is divided annually among our Superannuated Preachers, it would seem that duty as well as self interest, should combine to cause us, not only to order all our books from our own Book Concern, but also make a special effort to circulate our papers and sell our books among our people; therefore, Be it,

Resolved, That we will call the attention of our people to our books and urge them to buy them.

That we will endeavor to place some member of the Advocate Family in every home among the people whom we serve.

F. D. VANVALKENBURG, Chairman.

AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY.

We recognize the American Bible Society as being one of the greatest institutions in the world for the spreading of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Therefore, Be it,

Resolved, First, That as a Conference, we will put forth a greater effort in behalf of this great cause by circulating the tracts and books and Bibles of the Society and by informing the people of the usefulness and needs of this Society.

Second, That we will take collections on our several charges and forward the same to the said Society during the Conference year.

JAMES F. RAGSDALE, Chairman.

TEMPERANCE.

We rejoice in the great victories won throughout the nation within the past few months in driving out the open saloon from the state, counties and municipalities, and do now put ourselves on record as being determined to do all in our power to bring about similar victories throughout the states within the bounds of our Conference. Louisiana though denied the right and privilege to vote on state-wide prohibition, still has the right and privilege to vote, parish by parish, until the iniquitous saloon shall have been driven from her borders.

Texas is soon to have the privilege for the entire citizenship to vote on state-wide prohibition, when those who love godliness and believe in the highest standard of true and patriotic citizenship shall, by the grace of God, recover from the arch enemy of true manhood and pure womanhood, the Empire State of the South, never to lose it again.

"The saloon must go" and to that end we hereby pledge ourselves and our greatest endeavors; and as leaders of the Church of God, that we will pray, preach and vote to that end until the conflict is over and the victory is won. We hereby declare ourselves the eternal enemy of the foe of our home and native land and the world, and will give no quarters, make no treaties and grant no favors until the accursed traffic shall have been abolished.

We commend the W. C. T. U. and the Anti-Saloon League for their great work looking to this end and pledge our hearty co-operation to them.

We, as Methodist preachers and leaders of the people in moral life, are against, not only all intoxicants, but tobacco in all its forms as well and we believe in, not only a tobaccoless ministry but a tobaccoless Church, and shall show our faith by precept and example; therefore, Be it

Resolved, That, so far as practicable, we will make as special effort to have our congregations, Sunday Schools and Epworth Leagues prepare and carry out a special program on temperance, observing the Sunday nearest the Fourth of July and

Thanksgiving day as Temperance Sundays, when we shall preach on the subject of temperance; Therefore, be it

Resolved, That we will seek to interest our children and young people in this movement; that with songs, music, speeches and various services in our churches, public halls or groves, we will strive to promote the proper and Christian celebration of our Nation's Birthday, in the cultivation of sound temperance revival, and finally, that we invite the co-operation of all religious bodies, temperance organizations, Young People's Societies of whatever name, and all churches, Sunday Schools, pastors, patriots and philanthropists in this effort to save the Nation from the curse of drink.

J. W. LAGRONE, Chairman.

EDUCATION.

We commend the action of the General Conference in providing for the restoration of the Board of Education.

The nearly 170,000 students who have been aided in their preparation for life's best work since 1873, and the 2082 who were aided during 1908, is a vital reason for this Board. We are glad the aid is no longer confined to those who are candidates for the ministry alone, but also affords an opportunity for the preparation upon the part of any worthy young Methodist desiring to enter any other vocation. The aid rendered by this Board, being in the form of loans rather than gifts, makes every dollar given a perpetual working force. The new trust committed to the Board in the form of the schools for the white people of the South, entitles it to an increased attention on the part of this Conference. We recommend that all our preachers observe the second Sunday in June as Children's Day for the consideration of the work. We recommend that all our preachers, through the Discipline, acquaint themselves with this subject and accordingly inform our people.

Recognizing the value to the Church of an intelligent membership, we urge that our young people be persuaded, as far as possible, to attend one of our church schools. We are grati-

fied to hear of the splendid work done by Fort Worth University and also Chattanooga University and we pledge ourselves to co-operate with the presidents of these institutions by securing and sending students to these schools.

We commend the effort and earnestly urge the co-operation of the movement now started to secure a school for higher education established within the bounds of our Conference.

WM. R. CHASE, Chairman.



Resolutions.

RESOLUTION ON HOLINESS.

Introduced by James R. Basket, Conference Secretary.

WHEREAS, Our Discipline says: "In 1729 two young men in England, reading their Bible saw they could not be saved without holiness, followed after it and incited others to do so. In 1737 they saw, likewise, that men are justified before they are sanctified" and,

WHEREAS, All our books on doctrine in our course of study for young preachers teach this Bible truth of entire sanctification clearly and emphatically; and,

WHEREAS, "Our Church is the only Church in history from Apostolic times until now that has put forward as its very elemental thought, the great all-pervading central idea of the whole Book of God from the beginning to the end, the holiness of the human hearts, soul, mind and will;" and

WHEREAS, Our church has always been loyal to this grand Depositum of Methodism; therefore, Be it

Resolved, By the members of the Gulf Conference in session at Lake Charles, La., that we affirm our faith and confidence in the Methodist Episcopal Church in her loyalty to the

doctrine of holiness and in her attitude toward those seeking the higher life; and be it further

Resolved, That we invite the co-operation of all those who love the Church and hold this truth in wisdom to unite with us in spreading Scriptural Holiness over these lands.

TITHING.

WHEREAS, We believe that the word of God, the Old Testament, plainly teaches that one tenth of our income belongs to the Lord, and nowhere in the New Testament can there be found anything contrary to this teaching that would indicate a less amount; and,

WHEREAS, Our Discipline also teaches the duty of tithing as scriptural (paragraph 70); and,

WHEREAS, The pressing needs of our Church, here and elsewhere are such, we feel that this should be the least proportionate of our giving; therefore, Be it

Resolved, By the members of the Gulf Conference in session at Lake Charles, that we endorse and adopt the tithe method of giving unto the Lord, as our financial plan of systematic giving.

Second. That we join ourselves together in a league, pledging ourselves to appropriate this tithe first to the financial obligations of our respective charges until all such obligations shall have been fully met.

Third. That we will begin a campaign on the tithe method among our people and will seek to organize tithing bands in all of our Churches.

CHURCH PERIODICALS.

WHEREAS, There is a tendency among our people to permit our Church papers to be supplanted by secular and independent religious papers which have no claims on us and our people and do not advocate our Church benevolences nor instruct in the teachings, the history and the achievements of

our beloved Methodism nor inspire loyalty to the same; and

WHEREAS, The Central Christian Advocate is the official organ of our Conference and an ardent supporter of our cause, and,

WHEREAS, The Methodist Advocate-Journal covers the whole territory of our white work in the South and is peculiarly suited to our needs and serves as a connecting link between all of our Southern White Conferences, and,

WHEREAS, The Committee of Publication of said Advocate-Journal have undertaken to raise \$10,000.00 for the purpose of securing for it a home, equipped with all of the necessary appliances for getting out a first class religious journal; therefore, Be it,

Resolved, That we will make a special effort to increase the circulation of the Central Christian Advocate among our people. That we believe it is an important movement on the part of the Brethren to raise this Fund for the Advocate-Journal and we will bring this subject before our people for their consideration and we will do our part in assisting the completion of said Fund.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT.

First. That our thanks are extended to Bishop Quayle for his inspiring addresses, as well as for his uniform courtesy and humorous sallies which have made hours that might otherwise have been tedious, to fairly glitter with light and prove full of joyous exaltation. We are glad to have him with us and shall hail with joy the day of his return to us.

Second. That we are glad to have had such prompt and efficient service as has been given by our Secretaries and Boards in attending to their several duties during the Session.

Third. That we have thoroughly appreciated, as well as enjoyed, the glad welcome and the abundant hospitality of the citizens of Lake Charles. They have taken hold of our hearts and shall have an interest in our prayers.

Fourth. That the pastor, Bro. E. R. Houck, has placed us under many obligations to him for his courtesies and for the

masterful way in which he has arranged for our reception and entertainment, as well as to all of the Reception Committee for their diligent attention to all of our wants.

Fifth. That, to the city papers and other papers that have taken such pains to furnish reports of our proceedings and have kindly mentioned and graciously treated us by notices of our various services. Also to Judge Overton, Dr. Allison, Dr. Watkins and W. E. Cline for their cordial words of welcome at our coming; we extend our thanks and shall remember for many days their brotherly spirit and we pray the blessings of our God upon each and all.

Sixth. That Dr. Ward Platt has endeared himself to each of us by his genial manners, as well as by his able addresses and the light he has brought us as to the work our church is doing and the wonderful results already achieved from such work through this Gulf Coast Territory. We shall welcome him anytime he may return.

Seventh. That while already familiar with and loving him and his work from past acquaintance, we have been greatly rejoiced and edified and lifted nearer to the heart of the Crucified and Risen Lord whom we serve and worship, by our companionship with and listening to the spiritually uplifting sermons of Bro. Joseph H. Smith, who is of National fame as a clear, definite expounder of the Wesleyan Methodistic view of the doctrine of entire Sanctification. Long may he live and enjoy to lead others into the experience of Perfect Love. We will welcome his return to us any time.

Eighth. That Dr. Race and Dr. Willsley, representing respectively, Chattanooga and Ft. Worth Universities, have endeared themselves to us and have encouraged us by their words of wisdom; and that Dr. Manker, representing the Advocate-Journal has inspired us to live in closer touch with each other in our Southern work, by his presence and brotherly spirit; and that Sister Elders from Boaz, Ala., representing the Woman's Home Missionary Society, has our heart felt thanks for her presence and effort to lay the Home Missionary work on our hearts.

DELOS H. CASSELS, Chairman.

Memoir.

One day about ten years ago there came a stranger to our home at Marshall, Texas. He was tall in stature, well dressed, dignified and of a commanding personel and bearing the marks of a gentleman—a typical Virginian. He introduced himself as a Methodist preacher from the state of Virginia. His name was John Thomas James.

So striking was this man and so impressive his bearing that we bid a welcome to our home. For two years he was an inmate of our home and a member of our household and he was an adviser with us on matters spiritual and temporal. We received him into our church as an Elder from the M. E. Church, South, and at Marshall, Texas, in January 1901, he was admitted into the Gulf Conference. He served several of our charges well until declining health and growing infirmities led him to seek the high altitudes of his native state. His end came last May at Staunton, Va. His end was peace; for he died like he lived—face to face with God. He left a devoted wife and three children.

John T. James was no ordinary man. His type of all round manhood is rarely met. It is not likely his place in this Conference will ever be filled; possibly it cannot be. A man so unique, a mind so stored and poised, a piety so simple and sublimated, is not common in this world. He was a man of one Book. The Bible was not only his Vade Macum, but his store house of supply. He devoured and absorbed that book. We do not recall to mind a spirit so filled and surcharged with God's Word. He knew it, he loyed it and he used it. With it he

comforted, rebuked and slayed. He was a fearless man. In matters of duty, moral or doctrine; in questions, civic, ecclesiastic or political, he knew no fear of man. Once he went to a Texas town where a mob was threatening him bodily harm; to our surprise, we saw him march into the midst of the mob and when he had delivered his mind they hung their heads and left him the sole occupant of the field. The ringleader of that mob afterwards became his friend and defender. Bro. James was a praying man. To him prayer was not only a privilege but a coveted resort and delight. He lived in a spirit of supplication and prayer. My family used to say they had no fears of evil or harm, for often, through the dark hours of the night, they could hear Brother James in his room pleading with God. He knew the nature and secret of prevailing prayer and his plans and actions were based thereon and guided thereby. As a champion of the truth and a defender of the right he had few equals and still fewer superiors. His familiarity with the Bible and his intimacy with history, both sacred and profound, made him a quick swordsman, with unerring aim, unflinching valor and remorseless execution. We never knew him to falter or saw him vanquished. Brother James always bore the air and wore the mannerism of a soldier under orders. He spent four years in the Civil War and was a member of the Staff of General R. E. Lee. He saw rigid training and hard service on many battlefields. Shortly after the surrender he turned his mind to religion and surrendered his life to God. He was wonderfully converted. Not long after at the old Holiness Camp at Manheim, Pa., he entered the life of Perfect Love. He at once became an able expounder and defender of Scriptural Holiness. In this he displayed the same spirit and valor as on the tristing fields of Gettysburg, Chancellorsville and Bull Run. Often he has said: "I will be as true to the Lord as I was to Jefferson Davis."

One striking trait in his life was his influence and teaching in private life and around the home circle. He was instrumental in leading Hannah Whitehall Smith into the experience of

Perfect Love and she became the author of "The Christian's Secret of a Happy Life." To the young preachers of this Conference he was an untiring instructor and friend. He taught them by precept and example and followed them with his prayers.

But this soldier has passed. This veteran of a hundred battlefields has ceased his warfare. The pallid hand was laid on that noble form and it fell. The bugle's stirring blast no more shall call and charming revellie no more shall stir that valient soul to the battle's front. No more that Damascan blade shall shimmer and flash, defending the Truth of God and the Church of the first born. His form sleeps in Earth's Mausoleums, but the soldier proper has entered that bivouac on Heaven's eternal camping ground.

This Conference loved him as a man, delighted in his ministry and honored him as a tender father. On earth he was a conspicuous light and in yonder world he will shine as the stars forever and ever. One of the solid landmarks and one of the monumentals of historicity of the Gulf Conference will be "There lived with us, toiled with us, a man of God—John Thomas James."

J. W. LIVELY, M. D.



Missionary Appropriations.

MARSHALL DISTRICT.

District	40,000
Angelina.....	\$ 60.00
Atlanta and Jefferson.....	120.00
Beckville.....	110.00
Hughes Springs	120.00
La Porte	120.00
Longstreet.....	70.00
Marshall.....	100.00
Noonday and Coffeeville.....	80.00
Neuville and Center.....	80.00
Overton	75.00
Polk	80.00
Port Arthur	100.00
Texas City	40.00
Winnsboro.....	60.00
Woodville.....	80.00
Total	\$1695.00

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT.

District	\$185.00
Auburn and Smithdale	70.00
Bayou Chene	150.00
Crowley	200.00
Ebenezer and Vermilion	67.00
Estherwood and Gueydan.....	50.00
Gloster Circuit.....	50.00

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT—Continued

Hammond	50.00
Bell City and Sweetlake	50.00
Kinder and Oakdale	50.00
Kinder Mission	50.00
N. O., St. Charles Ave.	225.00
Raymond	50.00
Evangeline	50.00
Crescent	100.00
Total	<u>\$1397.00</u>

SHREVEPORT DISTRICT.

District	\$500.00
Alexandria	150.00
Creston	50.00
Dry Prong	140.00
Livonia	160.00
Magda	50.00
Orange	130.00
Provincial	80.00
Vivian	100.00
Total	<u>\$1360.00</u>

Board of Stewards.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

DR.

To Interest on Permanent Fund	\$ 32.00
" Collections from the Charges	185.00
" Draft from Book Concern	247.00
" Draft from Chartered Fund	22.00
" Cash from Bishop Quayle's Lecture	141.90
Total	<u>\$627.90</u>

TREASURER'S REPORT—Continued.

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By Appropriations as follows:

To Julian Woodson	\$175.00
" F. D. Van Valkenburg	100.00
" Mrs. J. T. James.....	175.00
" Mrs. B. F. Deaton	50.00
" Board of Conference Claimants, 5 per cent	9.00
" N. L. Sayers	25.00
" G. B. Hines	15.00
" H. H. McCain	15.00
" W. C. Mann	15.00
" Permanent Fund	48.90
Total.....	\$627.90

C. A. KING, President and Treasurer.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT OF SECRETARY.

Balance from Last Year.....	\$10.53
By Subscription.	55.50
By Advertising.....	29.50
To Expenses.....	\$90.18

Balance on hands \$5.53

Secretary of Gulf Conference for 1908.

Lake Charles, La., Dec. 17, 1908

EPISCOPAL FUND

Marshall District.....	\$ 60.00
New Orleans District.....	107.00
Shreveport District	40.00

GENERAL CONFERENCE EXPENSES.

Marshall District	\$ 60.00
New Orleans District	122.50
Shreveport District	40.89

STATISTICS NO. 1.

MARSHALL DISTRICT, GULF CONFERENCE, 1908.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	MEMBER-SHIP.			Bap- tisms.	Sunday Schools	CHURCH PROPERTY										
	No. Probationers.	No. Full Members.	No. Local Preachers.			No. Deaths.	No. Children Baptiz'd	No. Adults Baptized.	No. Schools.	No. Officers-Teachers	No. Scholars.	No. Churches.	Probable Value.	No. Parsonages.	Probable Value.	P'd for Building & Im- proving Ch. & Par'ns	Paid on old Indebted- ness on Ch. property.	Present indebtedness on Church Property.
Angelina	1	38	1		2	2	9	70	1	300			52			
Atlanta and Jefferson	1	37			2	14	62	2	2100							
Beckville	20	65	1	14	15	1	5	50	1	400	1	600	100			
Hughes Springs	9	152	3	13	3	3	21	145	3	3400	1	750	175			500
LaPort and Texas City	28	63		2	6	9	2	10	100	2	5000		168			
Longstreet	7	117	1		7	1	8	113			1	150	87			62
Marshall	14	78	1	1			1	11	60	1	8000	1	1500	2	424	1700
Neuville and Center	1	8	1													
Noonday and Coffeyville	7	194	3	3	11	1	5	21	100	3	2100	1	400	557	12	
Overton and Longview Junc.	15	45	1		3	1	7	40	1	600						
Polk	9	97	1	9	19	3	10	75	3	2100	1	150	30			
Port Arthur	21	69	1	1	5	1	1	14	125	1	3500	1	2500	83	300	
Sante Fe	8	37		7	9											
Shelbyville	12	112	3	1	4	4	3	15	120	4	5000	1	750			
Terrell and Greenville	1	54	17	1												
Winsboro and Hopkins	49	2			2	1	4	25	2	1750	1	600	400			200
Woodville	6	94		3	7	1	5	45	2	1200						
Total	160	1308	35	14	72	82	27	154	1130	26	35450	9	7400	1654	736	2462

SHREVEPORT DISTRICT

Alexandria and Winfield																
Jena and Georgetown																
Livonia	11	1		5							600					
Orange	2	45		14	7	2	7	75	1	300						
Poland and Bulah	11	77	2	1	12	1	7	25	1	600	1	300	160			140
Provencal	3	104	2	2	6	1	7	80	1	550			45			
Shreveport																
St. Maurice and Sabine	10	60	1			1	6	50	1	400						
Vivian	2	89	2	2	4	6	1	7	25	1	600	1	650	560		
De Quincy	27	87	3	29	35	3	18	183	1	1200			590			200
Total	55	473	11	2	55	66	9	52	438	7	4250	2	950	1265		340

STATISTICS NO. 1, (CONTINUED.)

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT.

NAMES OF CHARGES	CHURCH MEMBERSHIP				BAPTISMS			SUNDAY SCHOOLS				CHURCH PROPERTY						
	No. Probationers	No. Full Members	No. Preach-ers.	No. Deaths.	No. of Children Baptized.	No. of Adults Baptized.	No. of Schools	No. Officers and Teachers	No. of Scholars	No. of Churches.	Probable Value	No of Parsonag's	Probable Value	Paid for Improve-ments.	Paid On Old Indebtedness.	Present Indebtedness.		
Auburn and Smithdale.	58	266	12	3	10	6	4	19	150	3	3500	1	800	109	...	...	...	...
Bayou Chene	15	165	1	1	17	17	4	22	164	4	1975	1	109	...	...	...	...	...
Crowley	5	42	1	1	1	1	4	1	8	1	5000	1	2000	40	100	...	...	...
Ebenezer and Vermilion	5	179	2	2	18	4	2	24	160	2	1800	1	600	20	...	...	...	...
Estherwood and Gueydan	4	47	1	2	6	4	4	1	72	2	2500	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Gloster	6	170	8	2	6	7	2	15	140	1	1500	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Gloster Circuit	15	44	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hammond	3	25	1	1	1	1	1	1	5	1	1500	1	1500	43	...	...	...	...
Iowa and Bell City	12	68	1	1	6	1	3	12	85	2	1200	1	404	288	...	...	...	...
Jennings	15	191	4	1	6	7	1	24	221	1	3000	1	2500	49	...	...	...	...
Kindred and Oakdale	28	120	2	2	2	4	2	12	75	2	1700	1	600	176	94	...	...	...
Kindred Mission	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Lake Charles	9	159	1	1	1	1	1	20	200	1	10000	1	3000	105	...	...	...	...
Luther	3	17	...	...	...	...	...	7	80	1	2000	1	800	350	...	...	...	...
St. Charles Ave., N. O.	6	80	3	2	8	1	1	14	50	1	45000	1	5000	...	...	...	...	...
Italian Mission, N. O.	13	13	1	...	3	3	1	3	20	1	5156	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Raymond and China	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Welsh	9	101	...	...	6	2	1	14	108	1	5000	1	1500	4008	24	1526	...	...
Evangeline	...	53	1	...	6	...	3	7	162	...	...	...	150	85	...	...	...	...
Total	167	1740	38	14	96	38	27	213	1747	24	91025	12	18850	5203	258	6000	...	...
Shreveport District	155	478	11	2	55	66	9	52	438	7	4250	2	950	1265	...	...	...	...
Marshall District	12	1360	35	14	72	82	27	154	1180	26	35450	9	7400	1654	736	2462	...	...
GRAND TOTAL	382	3521	84	30	223	186	63	419	3315	57	130725	24	27200	8212	994	9792	...	...
LAST YEAR	393	3445	79	38	180	151	60	286	2182	55	126650	18	19950	4408	2040	4350	...	...
INCREASE	...	76	6	...	43	35	3	39	1135	2	1075	6	7250	3804	...	5442	...	...
DECREASE	11	...	...	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1046	...	...	...

SHREVEPORT DISTRICT, GULF CONFERENCE, 1908.

NAMES OF CHARGES	SUNDAY SCHOOLS.								
	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of scholars of all Grades.	Average Attendance.	No. of Members in the Home Department.	No. Officers and Teachers who are Church Members or Probationers.	No. of Scholars, whether attendants or members in Home Dept' who are C'h members or Prbators.	No. Members of S. S. Converted during the Year.	Church Expenses.
Alexandria and Winfield.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Jena and Georgetown.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Livonia.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Orange.....	2	7	75	60	7	7	18	2	5
Poland and Beulah.....	1	7	75	20	7	7	12	..	..
Provençal.....	1	7	80	60	7	7	35	15	5
Shreveport.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
St. Maurice and Saline.....	1	6	50	30	4	4	10	12	10
Vivien.....	1	7	25	15	..	..	3	..	10
De Quincy.....	3	18	183	95	18	18	65	75	16
Total.....	9	52	438	280	..	45	143	104	39

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT.

Auburn and Smithdale	4	19	150	110	19	140		30
Bayou Chene	4	22	164	132	22			59
Crowley	1	8	70	45	7		5	30
Ebenezer and Vermilion	2	24	160	120	24		20	25
Estherwood and Gueydan	1	7	72	40	6		20	15
Gloster	2	15	140	75	13	30	7	52
Gloster Circuit						80	12	35
Hammond	1	6	75	45				
Iowa and Bell City	3	12	101	75	12		10	30
Jennings	1	24	221	133	24	150	10	25
Kinder and Oakdale	2	12	75	60	7		25	221
Kinder Mission					7		7	25
Lake Charles	1	20	200	145	20			
Lutcher	1	7	85	65		83		105
St. Charles Ave., N. O.	1	14	50	42	14			50
Italian Mission, N. O.	1	3	20	15			6	80
Raymond and China	3	12	100	60	10	50		8
Welsh	1	14	108	64	14	50		86
Evangeline	1	7	152	66	7	32	16	23
Total	30	226	1943	1292	27	209	635	929

MARSHALL DISTRICT.

Angelina	2	9	70	53	8			
Atlanta and Jefferson	2	14	62	38	14	31	4	35
Beckville	1	5	50	45	5	38	9	12
Hughes Springs	3	21	145	115	21	130	1	52
LaPort and Texas City	2	14	100	70	18	12	1	30
Longstreet	1	8	113	75	8		5	80
Marshall	1	11	60	40	11	60		16
Neuville and Center							6	26
Noonday and Coffeyville	5	21	100		21	50		
Overton and Longview Junc.	1	7	40	70	7		11	12
Folk	3	10	75	40	7		4	
Port Arthur	1	14	125	50	12	28	2	125
Sante Fe				86				
Shelbyville	3	15	120		14	100	20	22
Terrell and Greenville	1			75	2			
Winsboro and Hopkins	1	4	25	20	2	10		3
Woodville	1	5	45	35	3	10		10
Total	27	158	1130	812	18	145	457	391
Shreveport District	9	52	438	280		143	104	39
New Orleans District	30	226	1943	1292	27	209	635	929
GRAND TOTAL	66	436	3511	2384	45	399	1235	1359
LAST YEAR	60	389	3182	2092	136	349	1301	1397
INCREASE	6	47	329	292		50		29
DECREASE					91		66	38

STATISTICS NO. 3.

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT, GULF CONFERENCE, 1908.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	NAME OF PASTOR.	PASTOR'S SUPPORT.						Support of Pres. Elders.		Support of Bishops.		C CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS.		CURRENT EXPENSE		
		CLAIMS.		RECEIPTS.		Amount Apportioned.	Amount paid.	Amount Apportioned.	Amount Paid.	Total Support, Pastors, Pres. Elders and Bishops.	Collections.	Received From	Total.			
		Salary.	House Rent.	Total.	Salary.										House Rent.	Total.
Auburn and Smithdale	Delos H. Cassels	505	75	580	505	75	580	60	50	5	635	4	639	60	30	
Bayou Chene	N. L. Sayers	300	120	420	266	120	270	20	20	1	297	4	301	4	16	
Crowley	Louis May	520	40	560	520	40	560	52	52	2	614	5	619	5	25	
Ebenezer and Vermilion.	James F. Ragsdale	500	500	1000	280	44	324	66	44	3	327	15	342	5	20	
Estherwood and Gueydan	C. A. King	500	500	1000	470	30	500	66	66	3	539	15	554	15	70	
Gloster	J. D. Pointer	120	60	180	60	60	120	50	33	5	587	4	591	4	30	
Gloster Circuit	C. V. Wilkinson	120	60	180	429	120	549	120	120	10	130	21	151	31	221	
Hammond	H. L. Carruth	425	72	497	305	72	377	120	35	5	587	4	591	4	30	
Iowa and Bell City	J. O. Wells	1200	180	1380	1200	180	1380	120	120	10	1510	21	1531	31	221	
Jennings	W. B. Hebert	60	60	120	204	60	264	60	12	10	276	10	286	10	40	
Kinder and Oakdale.	James R. Basket	1200	300	1500	1200	300	1500	120	120	12	1632	10	1642	10	165	
Kinder Mission.	Wm. Bennett, J. J. Bowman	400	240	640	385	96	481	40	40	1	481	5	486	5	80	
Lake Charles	E. R. Houck	100	100	200	100	100	200	46	46	8	536	10	546	10	184	
Luther Ave., N. O.	J. A. Duplantis	460	120	580	370	120	490	90	78	5	568	10	578	10	23	
Italian Mission, N. O.	Guilano Vital	160	25	185	160	25	185	652	771	47	5192	75	5267	85	1425	
Raymond and China.	Dan Hayes	160	25	185	160	25	185	652	771	47	5192	75	5267	85	1425	
Welsh.	J. A. Carruth	160	25	185	160	25	185	652	771	47	5192	75	5267	85	1425	
Evangeline	J. J. Bowman	160	25	185	160	25	185	652	771	47	5192	75	5267	85	1425	
Total	Total	6550	1568	7842	7684	1568	8686	390	652	47	5192	75	5267	85	1425	

STATISTICS NO. 4.

SHREVEPORT DISTRICT, GULF CONFERENCE, 1908.

NAMES OF CHARGES	BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.																
	MISSIONS.					Board of Education, Freedmen's Aid and S. S.		Education.	American Bible Society	Woman's Foreign Mission- ary Society.	Wom's Home Miss. Soc.		Total other Benevolent Collections	General Conference Ex- penses.	Evangelistic Service.		
	Board of For- eign Missions		Sunday School not Divided.	Board of H. Miss. and Ch. Extensions.		Childrens Fund for Student Aid	Col. for Freedmen Aid & S. S.				Local Educational Int	(a) Cash				(b) Supplies	
	(a) Church	(b) Special Gifts		(a) Church	(b) Special Gifts		(a) Church	(b) Sun. School.									TOTAL
Alexandria and Winfield.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Jena and Georgetown .....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Livonia	7	....	....	8	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Orange .....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Poland and Bulah	16	....	....	11	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Provencal	11	....	....	12	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Shreveport.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
St. Maurice and Sabine .....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Vivian	30	20	....	30	....	....	1	1	3	3	....	....	....	....	....
De Quincy	3	12	....	15	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Total.....	67	32	....	76	....	....	1	1	1	3	3	3	....	....	....

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT.

Auburn and Smithdale	25	105	2	60	...	2	3	1	6	...	3	...	...	2
Bayou Chene	7	...	5	14	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Crowley	6	...	...	12	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ebenezer and Vermilion	42	...	5	52	...	...	...	2	2	...	...	...	...	...
Estherwood and Gueydan	30	...	10	40	...	...	3	3	5	...	...	...	...	...
Gloster	35	60	...	15	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Gloster Circuit	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hammond	...	17	...	13	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
Iowa and Bell City	6	...	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Jennings	84	222	44	60	54	10	10	25	35	8	10	...	80	5
Kinder and Oakdale	6	...	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Kinder Mission	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Lake Charles	71	100	23	126	...	...	14	14	3	...	...	...	...	5
Lutcher	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
St. Charles Ave., N. O.	25	75	...	17	37	...	7	7	2	2	32	...	53	...
Italian Mission, N. O.	1	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
Raymond and China	...	...	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Welsh	100	60	27	85	...	...	10	10	...	2	...	...	...	...
Evangeline	...	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	438	639	121	512	91	13	24	52	79	20	25	2	41	133 15

MARSHALL DISTRICT.

Angelina	1	...	1	20	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Atlanta and Jefferson	12	40	...	12	...	3	2	...	5	...	...	3	...	3
Beckville	...	6	...	10	...	1	...	1	2	1	1	1	...	...
Hughes Springs	34	...	6	12	...	...	...	2	2	...	...	...	...	...
LaPort and Texas City	25	...	...	40	5	3	3	3	9	5	3	...	...	...
Longstreet	5	...	...	17	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...
Marshall	30	...	...	40	...	6	...	6	8	3	...	...	...	...
Neuville and Center	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Noonday and Coffeeville	20	...	...	30	...	3	5	...	8	...	2	...	...	...
Overton and Longview Junc.	9	...	...	12	...	...	...	1	2	1	1	...	...	...
Polk	4	...	1	8	...	2	...	...	2	1	...	...	...	...
Port Arthur	40	100	...	60	...	2	4	6	6	4	...	...	...	...
Sante Fe	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Shelbyville	20	25	...	40	...	4	3	...	7	4	4	...	...	...
Terrill and Greenville	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Winsboro and Hopkins	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Woodville	25	...	...	40	...	1	...	1	2	...	...	...	...	...
Total	225	171	8	331	5	18	21	13	52	26	23	2	6	...
Shreveport District	76	32	...	76	30	1	1	1	3	3	...	...	...	...
New Orleans District	438	639	110	512	91	13	24	52	77	20	25	2	41	133 15
GRAND TOTAL	739	842	118	923	126	32	46	66	132	49	51	4	47	133 19 167
LAST YEAR	647	1012	161	854	50	88	58	31	206	34	49	4	23	108 92
INCREASE	92	69	76	35
DECREASE	...	170	43	56	12	...	74	15	2	...	24	73

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NAMES OF CHARGES	MISSIONS.				Board of Education				Local Ed-ucational Interests.		Ameri-can. Bi-ble. S. See		Woman's Foreign Miss. Socy		Woman's Home Missionary Society		Total Other Benevo-lent Col-lections.		General Confer-ence Ex-penses.		Conference Claimants		Episcopal Fund		RECAPITU-LATION.				
	Board of For- eign Missions		S. S. Not Divided.		Board of H. M. & Ch. Ex.		Children's Aid and S. S. Fund for Stu- dents.		Col. for Freedmen's Aid & S. S.		Voucher.		Cash.		Voucher.		Cash.		Voucher.		Cash.		Voucher.		Total Vouchers.		Total Cash & Vou.		
	Cash.	Voucher.	Cash.	Voucher.	Cash.	Voucher.	Cash.	Voucher.	Cash.	Voucher.	Cash.	Voucher.	Cash.	Voucher.	Cash.	Voucher.	Cash.	Voucher.	Cash.	Voucher.	Cash.	Voucher.	Cash.	Voucher.	Total Cash.	Total Vouchers.	Total Cash & Vou.		
Angelina	1		1																							8	8		
Beckville	6				10		1																			26	26		
Hunt and Emory			6																							60	60		
Hughes Springs	34				12		3																			33	62		
LaPort and Texas City	25				25				6																	11	95		
Longstreet	5				35		1																			11	11		
Marshall	3				30		6																			60	38		
Noonday and Coffeyville	20				30		3																			5	98		
Neville and Center	9				12		1																			4	61		
Overtown and Longview Junc.	4				8		2																			1	35	1	
Polk	40				60		12																			18	18		
Port Arthur	45				40		4																			10	140	100	
Shelbyville	45				5		3																			4	60	240	
Sante Fe	10				20		1																			8	8	45	114
Woodville	12				6		14																			2	42	36	78
Atlanta and Jefferson	144	252	8		265	59	24	3	24	6	7	11	23	2	2		3		4		72		38		601	336	937		
Total																													

SHREVEPORT DISTRICT.

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MINUTES.

LAKE CHARLES, LA., FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1908.

The Layman's Association of the Gulf Annual Conference met in its first session in the M. E. Church, South, December 18, 1908, at 9:30 a. m. J. W. McDaniel led the opening prayer

after which W. E. Cline was elected chairman pro tempore; E. C. Willard, secretary pro tempore. Nineteen laymen were present to assist in the organization.

The general call for the laymen to meet in an Annual Session was read by Chairman Cline. This was followed by a general discussion.

MOTION. H. S. Williams moved and it was carried that we organize and discuss the question of organization.

By a prevailing motion a Committee on Organization was appointed. The following is the Committee appointed by the chairman: J. W. McDaniel, H. S. Williams; Walter Faulk, H. C. Lagrone, J. F. Cassels, E. C. Willard. The Committee announced that they would meet at the M. E. Church at 2:00 p m.

By motion the Association adjourned to meet in the M. E. Church, South, at 9:30 a. m., December 19, 1908.

LAKE CHARLES, LA., December 19, 1908.

The Association met at the appointed time with W. E. Cline in the chair. The report of the Committee on Organization was made by the chairman, and they nominated the following brethren for officers for the ensuing year: F. R. Jaenke, President; J. W. McDaniel, Vice President for Marshall District; W. E. Cline, Vice President for New Orleans District; G. W. Bruce, Vice President for Shreveport District; O. D. Ford, Vice President at Large; E. C. Willard, Welsh, La., Secretary and Treasurer.

MOTION. On motion the above nominations of the Committee were elected as officers for the ensuing year.

The Committee reported the Constitution for the Association.

By motion it was decided to adopt the Constitution by sections. By a prevailing motion after the Constitution was adopted by sections, the Constitution was adopted as a whole. The president elected took the chair and the following By-Laws were adopted:

FIRST. There shall be organized at each organized church in the Conference a branch Association, to be organized in the

same way as the main Association except that the officers shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

SECOND. That these local Associations shall be subjected to the laws of the main Association.

THIRD. That the membership fee shall be fifty cents per member per year and said fifty cents to be paid to the main Association for traveling expenses of the president and vice presidents, superintending the general work, for stationery, etc., and to provide a fund for travelling and entertainment expenses to delegates to the Annual Conference.

FOURTH. Each branch Association shall be entitled to one delegate to the annual meeting for every twenty-five members of the Association, provided, however, that every Association shall be entitled to at least one delegate.

The Association adjourned to meet at 3:30 p. m.

The Association met at the appointed time with F. R. Jaenke in the chair. Bishop William A. Quayle was introduced and addressed the Association on "The Privileges and Duties of the Laymen to the Church."

The Association adjourned sine die.

(Signed)

F. R. JAENKE, President.

E. C. WILLARD, Secretary and Treasurer.



CONSTITUTION.

I.

This Association shall be called the Layman's Association of the Gulf Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

II.

Place of Meeting.

The Association shall meet annually at the place of meeting of the Gulf Conference, the day of meeting and hour to be fixed by the Executive Committee and the pastor in charge.

III.

Objects.

The objects of this Association shall be to awaken a deeper sense of the duties and obligations resting upon the lay members of the Church appertaining to the Church vows at the Altar, and to stir us to a greater activity in the support of the Pastor and the various benevolences, thereby increasing our efficiency and usefulness in the hands of God in advancing His Kingdom among men.

IV.

Membership.

The membership of this Association shall consist of its Officers, Standing Committees, Committees appointed by the Executive Committee between sessions, and one delegate from each organized Church, who may be either male or female, to be elected with one reserve delegate, at the Quarterly Conference preceding the annual convention, or in such manner as the laity of the charge may determine.

The election to an office or the appointment on a committee

of any lay member present at the session shall constitute him or her a member of the Association.

This Association may elect a lay member not present at the session of the Association to an office if it be considered that the interest of the church be conserved thereby, and an election shall constitute him or her a member of the Association.

V.

Officers.

The officers shall be a President, a Vice President from each District. Delegate at Large, a Secretary and a Treasurer which may be combined at the discretion of the Association.

Said officers shall serve during the session at which they are elected and the next succeeding annual session until their successors are elected and shall perform such duties as are usual to their respective offices.

VI.

Executive Committee.

There shall be an Executive Committee, consisting of the officers named in Section V. The duties of said Committee shall be to make all the necessary arrangements as to place and time of meeting of the Association, and prepare a program of exercises for each session.

VII.

Amendments.

This Constitution may be amended at any session of the Association by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting.



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